



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Thanda Wai  
Group Art Unit : 1649  
Applicants : B. Muller-Rober et al.  
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For : PROCESSES FOR INHIBITING AND FOR INDUCING  
FLOWER FORMATION IN PLANTS

New York, New York  
March 17, 1999

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the September 22, 1998 Restriction Requirement in the  
above-identified application.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a five-month  
extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37  
C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a). With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to  
and including March 22, 1999.